

Claims

1. Hook holder (1) for a hook (4), especially a fish hook, having a shank (5) and one or more curved end portions (6) extending from the shank, said hook holder
5 including a container part (2) provided with a cavity (7) for accommodating the curved end portions of the hook, and a container opening (8) through which the curved end portions of the hook are insertable into the cavity, the hook holder further including retaining means to prevent the hook's curved end portions from unintentionally leaving the container part **characterised in that** the retaining means include a cover part (3) provided with a cover opening (9) and mounted on the container
10 part (2) so as to be movable between a first position, in which the container opening (8) is accessible through the cover opening (9) to allow insertion of the curved end portions (6) of the hook, and a second position, in which the container opening (8) is closed by the cover part (3) to allow the hook shank (5) to project out
15 of the hook holder through the container opening and the cover opening, and the curved end portions of the hook are prevented from leaving the container part.
2. Hook holder according to claim 1, **characterised in that** the container part (2) and the cover part (3) are cylindrical with a common central axis.
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3. Hook holder according to claim 2, **characterised in that** the container opening (8) and the cover opening (9) are both Y-shaped and provided with three slots (10, 11) of substantially the same length and extending radially outwards at an interspacing of about 120°.
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4. Hook holder according to claim 2, **characterised in that** the container opening (8) and the cover opening (9) each is provided with an elongate slot extending diametrically through the central axis.

5. Hook holder according to claim 3 or 4, **characterised in that** it includes a pin being securable in the centre of the container opening (8) and the cover opening (9), respectively.
- 5 6. Hook holder according to one of the preceding claims, **characterised in that** the cavity (7) is formed as a recess extending perpendicularly into the container part and having a cross section corresponding substantially to the shape of the container opening (8).
- 10 7. Hook holder according to one of the preceding claims, **characterised in that** it is made of a material or includes closed cavities allowing it and an artificial bait with a fish hook to float in water.
8. Hook holder according to one of the claims 2-7, **characterised in that** on its
15 cylindrical wall (4) the container part (2) includes outwardly extending projections (12) and the cover part (3) includes inwardly extending projections (13) at the lower end of the cylindrical wall (15), said latter projections being made to engage the lower face of the projections (14) of the container, when the cover part is moved from the first position to the second position.
- 20 9. Hook holder according to claim 2, **characterised in that** the container part (2) or the cover part (3) is provided with longitudinal ribs (35) extending parallel to the longitudinal central axis.
- 25 10. Hook holder according to one of the preceding claims, **characterised in that** it includes several container parts (2) and associated cover parts (3), and that the container parts (2) or the cover parts (3) are firmly interconnected.
11. Hook holder according to one of the claims 1-9, **characterised in that** it in-
30 cludes a mounting device (19) having a hook holder fastening means (23) and a fish-

ing rod fastening means (21) so that the hook holder may be secured to a fishing rod (22).

12. Hook holder according to claim 11 or either claim 2 or 9, **characterised in that**
5 the fastening means (21, 23) of the mounting device (19) are formed as substantially C-shaped flexible clamping means.
13. Hook holder according to claims 9 and 12, **characterised in that** the hook holder fastening means (23) includes inner longitudinal grooves adapted to engage
10 the longitudinal ribs (35).
14. Hook holder according to claim 2 or 9, **characterised in that** it includes a peripherally extending groove (24) in the container part (2) or in the cover part (3).
15. Hook holder according to claim 9, **characterised in that** it includes a storage unit (27) provided with circular openings (28) having longitudinal grooves adapted to engage the longitudinal ribs (35).
16. Hook holder according to claims 14 and 15, **characterised in that** the openings
20 (28) of the storage unit (27) includes circular edge portions (29) adapted to engage the peripherally extending groove (24).
17. Hook holder set according to claim 15 or 16, wherein a plurality of hook holders (1) are retained in the circular openings (28) of the storage unit (27).